

**EXHIBITION AT MUSEUM
TAKES TOYS SERIOUSLY**

A traveling exhibition of toys collected from around the world and especially designed to motivate creativity in youngsters, will be on display from December 1 through December 31 in classrooms F and G in the South corridor of The Cleveland Museum of Art. The exhibit is sponsored and prepared by The Creative Playthings Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey.

The exhibit includes nearly 300 vividly colored or richly textured playthings, among them: folk, fabric and wooden dolls; animals made from many different materials; hand, finger and shadow puppets; masks; construction blocks; miniature, sculptured and floor-play-size boats, trains, cars, etc.; toys scaled to proportion which can be used in assembling farms, homes, zoos, etc; and "discovery toys" which are intended to develop a child's awareness of touch, sound, sight, light, reflection, refraction, measure, relationships and basic mathematical and scientific principles.

The toys were chosen for their intrinsic merits of simplicity and lasting value; they are also safe, sturdy and realistically proportioned; they are flexible enough to be used in many different ways and perhaps most important, they arouse a child's imagination and encourage him to think and learn on his own, to develop physical co-ordination and an appreciation of aesthetic values.

The toys were made by leading sculptors, artists and craftsmen -- among them Swiss sculptor Antonio Vitali, Danish silversmith Kay Bojesen, American designer Marshal Larrabee and designers from Creative Playthings, Inc. Sources for the toys include Brazil, Burma, Czechoslovakia, England, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Poland, Russia and Thailand.

Similar exhibitions have visited or are scheduled to visit eight other museums and art organizations.

Photographs are available upon request.